

## Media across the nation and beyond seek out Watts College faculty's expertise for coverage of death of George Floyd

In the aftermath of the death of Minneapolis resident George Floyd while in police custody, national and international media contacted Watts College, particularly its **School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ)**, in search of expert opinions on police use of force, police culture, race relations, and possible solutions. An [open letter](#) signed by 36 faculty members was posted on the CCJ website and an [op-ed based on it](#) appeared in the Saturday, June 27, opinion section of the Arizona Republic. CCJ Professor **Edward Maguire** and instructor **Kevin Robinson** talked to more than four dozen journalists whose work appeared in newspapers, websites, TV stations, wire services and broadcast networks in June. **Here are highlights of the news coverage:**



### EDWARD MAGUIRE, CCJ professor

- June 25, 2020: "[Would D.C.'s Police Reform Bill Have Stopped MPD from Pepper Spraying Protesters?](#)", by Rachel Kurzius, WAMU-FM (Washington, D.C.)
- June 21, 2020: "[... The Anatomy of Omaha's May 29 Street Conflict.](#)" by Henry J. Cordes and Erin Duffy, Omaha World-Herald
- June 11, 2020: "[Seattle Officials Rebuff Trump Threats As They Struggle with Protesters' 'Autonomous Zone'.](#)" Sinclair Broadcast Group (9 stations including News3LV in Las Vegas)
- June 9, 2020: "[Protesters and ACLU Sue Seattle, Blame Mayor and Police Chief for 'Unnecessary Violence' at Demonstrations.](#)" by Daniel Beekman, The Seattle Times
- June 6, 2020: "[Police Tactics Could Take Protests and Turn Them into COVID-19 Hotspots.](#)" by Adam Rogers, Wired
- June 5, 2020: "[Rubber Bullets and Flash-Bangs Don't Just Tear Through Crowds – They Jeopardize Years of Police Reform.](#)" by Jon Schuppe, NBC News
- June 5, 2020: "[We Asked A Police Training Expert All about Protest Response This Week. Here's What He Said.](#)" Texas Standard

- June 4, 2020: [“How U.S. Police Used Military Tactics to Turn Peaceful Protests Violent.”](#) by Nicole Kobie, Wired UK (United Kingdom)
- June 3, 2020: [“Why Do Tampa Bay’s Police Keep Clashing with Protesters?”](#), by Zach Sampson, Tampa Bay (Fla.) Times
- June 3, 2020: [“White House Says Officers Didn’t Fire Tear Gas, Rubber Bullets on Protesters, Why That’s Misleading.”](#) by Jon Greenberg, PolitiFact
- June 3, 2020: [“Gunning for the Last Resort.”](#) by Rebecca Onion, Slate
- June 3, 2020: [“Negotiations, Restraint, Little Intervention: How Police Responded to Wilmington Protest, Riot.”](#) by Jeanne Kaung and Karl Baker, Delaware News Journal
- June 3, 2020: [“Making Sense of the Senseless.”](#) by Collen Flaherty, Inside Higher Ed
- June 3, 2020: [“Curfew Can Quell Violence – Also Spark More Protests.”](#) by Aarian Marshall, Wired
- June 2, 2020: [“Both the Left and the Right Rush to Blame Protest Violence on Outside Extremists.”](#) by Richard Read, Jenny Jarvie and Molly Hennessy-Fiske, Los Angeles Times, picked up in more than 20 other media outlets including Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Sacramento Bee, Fresno Bee, Modesto Bee, Tacoma (Wash.) News-Tribune, Wichita (Kan.) Eagle, Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader, The (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Observer
- June 2, 2020: [“What the George Floyd Protests Reveal about Policing in the U.S.”](#) by Brittany Knotts, Adam Walker and Meghna Chakrabarti, WBUR-FM, Boston
- June 2, 2020: [“Judge: Evidence Lacking Against Man Charged with Shooting at Boston Police.”](#) by Ryan Kath and Jim Haddadin, NBC-Boston
- June 2, 2020: [“Policing Expert: Protests Are ‘Opportunity to Solidify Relationships’ Between Law Enforcement, Communities.”](#) by Mark Brodie, KJZZ-FM (NPR-Phoenix)
- June 1, 2020: [“Why So Many Police Are Handling the Protests All Wrong.”](#) by Maggie Koerth and Jamiles Lartey, The Marshall Project
- May 31, 2020: [“Police Turn More Aggressive Against Protesters, Bystanders.”](#) by David A. Farenthold and Devlin Barrett, The Washington Post in the San Francisco Chronicle and picked up by the Houston Chronicle, The Seattle Times, Bend (Ore.) Bulletin
- May 31, 2020: [“If You Come Up to a Peaceful Demonstration and Handle It Like a Riot, It Becomes A Riot.”](#) Hakon Fostervold Hoydal, Verdens Gang (Norway)
- May 31, 2020: [“Police Blame ‘Out-of-State’ Agitators But Those at the Heart of Protests are Homegrown.”](#) by Brett Murphy, Josh Salman and Dak Le, USA Today in the Detroit Free Press, and picked up by more than 40 media outlets including the Indianapolis Star, Des Moines Register, Charleston (S.C.) Courier-Post, Lansing (Mich.) State Journal, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

- May 30, 2020: [“Retreat or Deploy? Police Try to Balance Protest Response”](#), by Stefanie Dazio and Denise Lavoie, The Associated Press, picked up by at least 200 other media outlets including the Houston Chronicle, Philadelphia Inquirer, The Seattle Times, Minneapolis Star-Tribune, Toronto Star, Albuquerque Journal, The (Oklahoma City) Oklahoman, Washington Times
- May 29, 2020: [“De-Escalation Keeps Protesters and Police Safer. Here’s Why Departments Respond with Force Anyway.”](#) By Maggie Koerth, Fivethirtyeight.com
- May 29, 2020: [“America’s Race Problem Erupts Anew, Layered with COVID-19 Tensions.”](#) by Michael Hirsh, Foreign Policy



**KEVIN ROBINSON, CCJ instructor, former Phoenix assistant police chief**

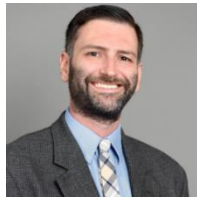
- June 26, 2020: [“Investigation: Police Ignore FBI Request for ‘Use of Force’ Data.”](#) by Mark Greenblatt and Nicholas McMillan, Newsy, also carried on more than a dozen other TV outlets including [KNXV-TV \(ABC15, Phoenix\)](#), KGTV (San Diego), WEWS-TV (Cleveland) and WXYZ-TV (Detroit)
- June 13, 2020: [“George Floyd Is Not Alone. ‘I Can’t Breathe’ Uttered by Dozens in Fatal Police Holds Across U.S.”](#) by Katie Waddell, Cara Kelly, Camille McManus, Christine Fernando, USA Today (also appeared in more than a dozen other outlets, including Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Green Bay (Wis.) Press-Gazette, Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune, Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, Greenville (S.C.) News
- June 20, 2020: [“Suspended Twice for ‘Unnecessary Force’.](#)” KNXV-TV (ABC15, Phoenix, also on [KGUN-TV, ABC9](#), Tucson)
- June 12, 2020: [“Push for Increased Body Camera Use A Double-Edged Sword.”](#) by Heather van Blokland, KJZZ-FM
- June 11, 2020: [“Former Assistant Phoenix Police Chief Criticizes ‘Defund the Police’ Demands.”](#) with Lauren Gilger and Steve Goldstein, KJZZ-FM
- June 10, 2020: [“Police Choke-Holds.”](#) KPNX-TV and [KTAZ-TV](#)
- June 10, 2020: [“Defunding the Police.”](#) KTAR-FM
- June 9, 2020: [“What Does It Mean to ‘Defund the Police’?”](#) Monica Garcia, Arizona’s Family
- June 9, 2020, [“Expert Says Taking A Closer Look at Police Budgets and Emphasizing Community-Based Programming Is Sound Thinking.”](#) by Marshall Terrill, ASU Now
- June 8, 2020: [“As Protests Continue Throughout the Country, Some Are Calling to ‘Defund the Police’.](#)” KNXV-TV (ABC15-Phoenix), KGUN-TV (9-Tucson)
- June 6, 2020: [“Phoenix Police Chief Jeri Williams.”](#) with John Hook, Fox 10 Newsmaker Sunday, KSAZ-TV (Fox 10-Phoenix)

- June 4, 2020: [“Civilian Review Boards,”](#) Arizona Horizon, KAET-TV (PBS-Phoenix)
- June 3, 2020: [“Black Men Face the Highest Risk of Death by Police in America,”](#) by Kim Johnson and Dallas Williams, Texas Public Radio
- June 1, 2020, [“Kevin Robinson on Protests,”](#) ABC-15 and Fox 10
- June 1, 2020: [“Understanding Police Response,”](#) Arizona’s Family
- May 30, 2020: [“Setting, Enforcing Standards Separating Great Police Departments from Bad,”](#) by Jerry Gonzales, ASU Now

## OTHER WATTS FACULTY

In addition to Maguire’s and Robinson’s interviews, several other members of the CCJ, SPA and SSW faculty wrote articles of their own or were interviewed by news media on topics ranging from police reform to police and government budgeting:

**James Herbert Williams** (SSW), June 25, 2020, [“A Need for A Stronger Partnership’: A Social Worker’s Perspective on Police Reform,”](#) with Lauren Gilger, KJZZ-FM (NPR-Phoenix)



**Cody Telep** (CCJ), June 22, 2020: [“Is Police Reform a Fundamentally Flawed Idea?”](#) by Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux and Maggie Koerth, Fivethirtyeight.com

**Jon B. Gould** (CCJ), June 30, 2020: [“Push to Defund Police Departments...”](#) with Syleste Rodriguez, KSAZ-TV (Fox10, Phoenix).



**Jon B. Gould** (CCJ) and **James Herbert Williams** (SSW), June 17, 2020: [“Want to Reform the Police? Look to Social Work for Lessons,”](#) for The Crime Report



**Michael Scott** (CCJ), June 13, 2020: [“Defunding the Police,”](#) for JURIST



**Akheil Singla** (SPA), June 11, 2020: [“Tempe City Council to Meet Thursday for Public Budget Hearing,”](#) by Piper Hansen, ASU State Press

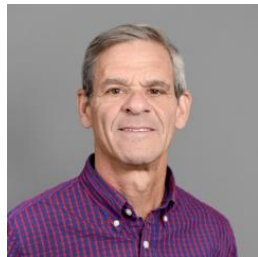
**Jerry Oliver** (SPA), June 12, 2020: [“ASU Criminology Faculty Dives into Police Reform.”](#) by Chris Caraveo, Independent Newsmedia (Phoenix)



**Bill Terrill** (CCJ), June 16, 2020: [“Experts Say Support from Government, Police and Communities Needed to Enact Reforms.”](#) by Stephen Loiaconi, Sinclair Broadcast Group



**Bill Terrill** (CCJ), June 2, 2020: [“Death of George Floyd Brings Out Need for Change.”](#) Arizona Horizon, KAET-TV (PBS-Phoenix)



“The protest movement sweeping America is focused on systemic racism and police brutality here at home,” writes **School of Public Affairs Professor Ethan Kapstein** in the New York Daily News. “But America’s racism doesn’t end at our borders. We have long mistreated people of color far from the United States as well.” Professor Kapstein is also senior director for research at the **McCain Institute for International Leadership** in Washington, D.C.

- June 23, 2020: [“American Racism Beyond Our Borders.”](#) by Ethan B. Kapstein, for the New York Daily News



Punishment as the answer to crime has failed to win the War on Drugs or prevent the current opioid epidemic, and it has not played a significant role in declines in crime in big cities like New York, argue Assistant Professor **Adam Fine** of the **School of Criminology and Criminal Justice** (SCCJ) and co-author Benjamin Van Rooij, law professor at the University of California, Irvine, in an essay for The Hill. Much better ways exist, they say.

- June 26, 2020: [“How to Have Less Crime with Less Punishment.”](#) by Benjamin Van Rooij and Adam Fine, for The Hill





Expanding public service learning opportunities to undergraduates nationwide is the goal of the Next Generation Service Partnership, a venture of both the Volcker Alliance and the **Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions**. It will leverage the knowledge and experience of the college's Public Service Academy's "amazing team," said Dean **Jonathan Koppell**.

- June 23, 2020: ["Next Generation Service Partnership Prepares Undergraduates for Public Service,"](#) Volcker Alliance/PRNewswire in the Arizona Republic.azcentral.com; also picked up by more than 60 other media outlets including Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Jacksonville (Fla.) Journal-Courier, San Antonio Express-News, San Francisco Chronicle, Houston Chronicle, Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise, Buffalo (N.Y.) News, The (Oklahoma City, Okla.) Oklahoman, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
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Since March, most American schoolchildren have been out of school, becoming "unwitting subjects in a grand, unethical social experiment", unethical because "there has been no informed consent, either from parents, children, or even our elected representatives," writes **School of Public Affairs** Director **Donald Siegel** along with David Waldman, management professor at ASU's W.P. Carey School of Business and Robert M. Sauer, economics professor at the University of London.

- June 25, 2020: ["CDC Has Become Centers for the Destruction of Childhood,"](#) by Donald Siegel, Robert M. Sauer and David Waldman for the American Institute for Economic Research

Social distancing may be benevolent as its aim is public health, but "mandatory social distancing constitutes the greatest single political act of theft in history," argues Siegel and two co-authors in the Jerusalem Post.

- June 1, 2020: ["Mandatory Social Distancing: The Greatest Theft of All Time,"](#) by Robert M. Sauer, Donald S. Siegel and David Waldman, The Jerusalem Post

Siegel and co-author David Waldman (of ASU's W.P. Carey School of Business) talked about the subject of their Jerusalem Post article with interviewer Seth Leibsohn:

- May 26, 2020: ["Don Siegel and David Waldman,"](#) on the Seth Leibsohn Show

Siegel and Sauer (of the University of London) also wrote about what they say are the dangers of mandatory social distancing for The Conservative Woman:

- June 1, 2020: ["The Real Enemy? Infectious Disease 'Experts',"](#) Donald S. Siegel and Robert M. Sauer for The Conservative Woman
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A profile of opportunities for ASU students to remotely volunteer to serve the community during the COVID-19 pandemic featured the Public Allies Arizona program. It is administered by the Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation, directed by **Robert Ashcraft**, in the **School of Community Resources and Development (SCRD)**. The “full-time AmeriCorps apprenticeship program ... pairs young people with nonprofit organizations. The allies are paid for their work over the 10-month period and then receive a grant to pay for tuition, professional development or to apply to student debt.”



- June 25, 2020: [“ASU Community Continues Humanitarian Help Remotely During Pandemic.”](#) by Mary Beth Faller, ASU Now
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Youth sports’ return to life after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic likely will be more highly localized than in the past, as parents could well be disinclined to have their families travel long distances to compete, said **School of Community Resources and Development (SCRD)** Assistant Professor **Eric Legg** at a recent ASU virtual panel discussion.



- June 16, 2020: [“ASU Panel Discusses How Time Away, High Costs Might Lower Participation.”](#) by Mary Beth Faller, ASU Now
  - June 12, 2020: [“Is Youth Sports’ Return Too Risky? Panelists Weigh Challenges, Opportunities.”](#) by Briar Napier, Arizona Republic/AZCentral.com
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About 45 million people travel in Arizona for leisure and business and spend \$25 billion each year — \$67 million per day — so the COVID-19 pandemic’s arrival in the height of the state’s tourism season came at a particularly bad time, said **School of Community Resources and Development (SCRD)** Professor **Christine Vogt** in one of several videos featuring ASU faculty’s views on pandemic-related subjects. Vogt added, however, that the market will be responsive toward the recovery of the industry.

- June 2, 2020: [“ASU Professors... Share Quick Insights Via Video on Topics Related to the Pandemic.”](#) by ASU Now
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Sports business insiders making video presentations to an online summer session class on sports tourism taught by **School of Community Resources and Development** (SCRD) Clinical Assistant Professor **Erin Schneiderman** predict a return to spectator sports in the U.S., but how fast and how strongly they do so depends on a number of factors, including public confidence in facility safety.



- May 29, 2020: [“Spectator Sports Will Return, But It’s a Matter of How and When, Say Industry Insiders.”](#) by Mark J. Scarp, ASU Now
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New York Times Pulitzer-Prize-winning writer Claire Cain Miller cited research by **School of Public Affairs** (SPA) Associate Professor **Chris Herbst**, Research Assistant Professor Christos Makridis of the ASU W.P. Carey School of Business and graduate student Umair Ali in a May 27 Times article arguing for government subsidization of child care. In her article, Miller cited a May 2020 paper written by Herbst, Makridis and Ali for the Germany-based



IZT (Institute of Labor Economics). Miller wrote that the research found “that job postings for early education teachers declined 13 percent in the immediate aftermath of stay-home orders, which equates to the sector losing the capacity to serve 10,000 children each month. But the decreases came only from private programs.”

- May 27, 2020: [“Should the Child Care Industry Get A Bailout?”](#), by Claire Cain Miller, New York Times
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Survivor Link, a team of Arizona State University educators, students, faculty members including **School of Social Work** Professor **Jill Messing**, left, and community volunteers who work to promote healthy relationships and provide domestic violence interventions in the community, will receive the 2020 President’s Medal for Social Embeddedness at a fall ceremony.

- June 18, 2020: [“Training Program for Advocates of Domestic-Violence Victims to Receive ASU Presidential Medal.”](#) by Mark J. Scarp, ASU Now
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A first-of-its kind map from the **Kyl Center for Water Policy** at the **Morrison Institute for Public Policy**, called the Arizona Water Blueprint, visualizes information on groundwater, rivers, agricultural irrigation, dams, ocean desalination, critical species and other concepts important to both policymakers and all Arizonans, ASU Now reported. The map creates a holistic view of water in Arizona that was missing, according to Kyl Center Director **Sarah Porter**.

- June 29, 2020: [“New Map Tool Illustrates Arizona Water Issues,”](#) by Katherine Davis-Young, KJZZ-FM (NPR-Phoenix)
- June 25, 2020: [“New ASU Mapping Tool Shows Holistic View of Water in Arizona,”](#) by Mary Beth Faller, ASU Now

#### OTHER KYL CENTER STORIES

- June 26, 2020; [“San Pedro River, Squeezed by Growing Population, Is Subject of Two Lawsuits,”](#) by Madison Staten, Cronkite News
- June 19, 2020: [“Growing Arizona Metros Look to Rural Communities for Water,”](#) by Vanessa Barchfield, Arizona Public Media (Tucson)
- June 7, 2020: [“Study Says Phoenix Reservoirs Are Resilient to Warming, Scientists Warn,”](#) by Ian James, Arizona Republic/azcentral.com

#### STORIES ABOUT THE MORRISON/ARIZONA REPUBLIC POLL

- June 29, 2020: [“Make Less Than \\$55,000? There Might Not Be Enough Affordable Housing for You,”](#) by Jessica Boehm, Arizona Republic/azcentral.com
- June 25, 2020: [“Get Ready: On July 25, Unemployment Checks Will Decrease Significantly...”](#), By Ryan Randazzo, Arizona Republic/azcentral.com

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